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1. FOLLOWING UP ON THOUGHT IN PARA 4 REFTEL CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF REGULAR US-EC "POLITICAL" CONSULTATIONS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT DAVIGNON WOULD BE HELPFUL IN WORKING OUT PRACTICABLE ARRANGEMENTS AND ADVISING ON THEIR ACCEPTABILITY AMONG THE NINE. HE WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE ON SEPTEMBER 25 FOR US MEETINGS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER US-EC 9 CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING KISSINGER-ANDERSEN MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25.

2. ONE IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF THE US "YEAR OF EUROPE" INITIATIVES HAS ALREADY EMERGED: A NEW TYPE OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE NINE HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION. COMMUNICATIONS TO US ON BEHALF OF THE NINE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE: THE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON SEPTEMBER 25: AND FOLLOW-UP BETWEEN STOESSEL AND EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS (TENTATIVE) CONSTITUTE A BREAKTHROUGH IN US-EC RELATIONS, COMPLEMENTING THE CONSULTATION THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PLACE BELATERALLY AND, ON EC TREATY MATTERS, BETWEEN SAMUELS-DAHRENDORF AND CASEY-SOAMES.

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3. AS THE NINE PROGRESS TOWARDS INCREASED HARMONIZATION OF POLICIES THROUGH THEIR POLITICAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM, IT WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO SUPPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING FORMS OF US-EUROPEAN CONSULTATION. THIS

SUGGESTS DESIRABILITY OF PURPOSEFULLY ENGAGING THE NINE IN FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE, SO THAT PRACTICE AND HABIT OF US-EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION BECOMES FIRMLY ROOTED. INITIALLY, THE PREPARATION FOR A PRESENTIAL VISIT AND ELABORATION OF A DECLARATION PROVIDE READY SUBJECTS FOR CONSULTATION: BUT WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE LOOKING AHEAD TO CONTINUING SUCH DISCUSSION PERIODICALLY AND AT REASONABLY CLOSE INTERVALS. WE MIGHT, E.G., WISH TO DEVELOP THIS POLITICAL CONSULTATION SUBSEQUENTLY THROUGH THE FOLLOW-UP ON VARIOUS ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND IN A US-EC DECLARATION. DAVIGNON HAS IN THE PAST STRESSED THE NEED TO SUPPLEMENT US BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NINE, BY MORE DIRECT LINKS WITH THE EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION PROCESS, E.G., THROUGH ADDRESSING COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT PURSUED THIS LINE OF THOUGHT WITH HIM RECENTLY, WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO REACT FAVORABLY TO SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVELOPING THE US-EC POLITICAL DIALOGUE, PROCEEDING FROM THE INITIAL ENCOUNTERS NOW SCHEDULED OR CONTEMPLATED IN NEW YORK.

4. WE ARE AWARE THAT SUCH CONSULTATION POSES MANY DELICATE PROBLEMS: ESPECIALLY HOW TO DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN THE CONSULTATION WITH THE US AND THAT WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE AMONG THE NINE, AND HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE AMONG THE KINDS OF CONSULTATION TO TAKE PLACE IN VARIOUS FORUMS. OVER TIME WE WOULD NEED TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE GROUND RULES WHICH WOULD DISTINGUISH THE "POLITICAL" CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC-9 FROM THOSE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO: CASEY-SOAMES; OECD; IMF-GATT; UN; BILATERAL RELATIONS, ETC. WE WOULD NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE TO ATTEMPT TO SPELL THESE RULES OUT IN ANY FORMAL WAY WITH THE EC-9 AT THIS STAGE BUT WOULD FAVOR PROCEEDING PRAGMATICALLY TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THIS WEEK'S TALKS IN NEW YORK. OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE EUROPEANS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES WILL DEPEND, IN PART, ON THE ACCESS WE DEVELOP FOR US VIEWS INTO THE COUNCILS OF THE NINE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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